

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Application No.: Unassigned	)	Examiner: S. MacArthur
Filed: May 24, 2001	)	
For: CVD APPARATUS	)	

**SUBMISSION OF DECLARATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to an interview conducted with the Examiners in parent Application Serial No. 09/435,625, submitted herewith is a declaration executed by the inventors of the above-identified patent application. The declaration is submitted in response to a request made by the Examiners in the parent application.

It should be noted that the present application claims priority not only of the parent application Serial No. 09/435,625, but also of a second U.S. application Serial No. 09/255,852.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this submission, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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**DECLARATION**

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Sir:

We, Ge Xu and Hiroshi Nogami, are inventors of the above-captioned patent application, which is filed concurrently herewith.

We hereby declare that we are not aware of any prior art teachings of the present invention, and in particular, of the concept that backflow of gases from the film deposition process space into either the plasma generating space or into any interior spaces of the partitioning wall section were responsible for the excess generation of dust and deterioration of the finished product.

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